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## Joint Resolution

Dec. 10, 1991

[H.J. Res. 300]

Designating the month of May 1992 as "National Trauma Awareness Month".

Whereas more than 9,000,000 individuals in the United States suffer traumatic injury each year;

Whereas traumatic injury is the leading cause of death of individuals less than 44 years of age in the United States;

Whereas every individual is a potential victim of traumatic injury;

Whereas traumatic injury often occurs without warning;

Whereas traumatic injury frequently renders its victims incapable of caring for themselves;

Whereas past inattention to the causes and effects of trauma has led to the inclusion of trauma among the most neglected medical conditions;

Whereas the people of the United States spend more than \$148,500,000,000 on the problem of trauma;

Whereas the problem of trauma can be remedied only by prevention and treatment through emergency medical services and trauma systems; and

Whereas the people of the United States must be educated in the prevention and treatment of trauma and in the proper and effective use of emergency medical systems: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the month of May 1992 is designated as "National Trauma Awareness Month", and the President is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon the people of the United States to observe such month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities.

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